

# ***Grants Pass Department Of Public Safety***



Date: June 30, 2016

**Nature: Safe Fourth of July**

**Location: City of Grants Pass**

**Complete by: Fire Marshal Hyatt**

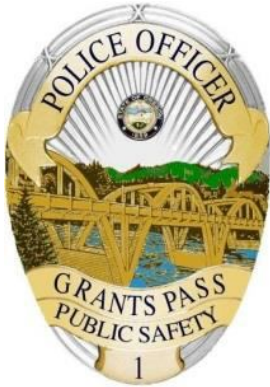
**Approved by: DC Lang Johnson**

What do you get when you mix fireworks with tinder dry vegetation? A disaster that's just waiting to happen. This year, a wetter than normal spring and the hotter/drier temperatures of summer, have helped set the stage for the possibility of a small fire to get out of hand.

From 2009-2013, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 18,500 fires caused by fireworks. These fires included 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and 16,900 outside and other fires. An estimated two people were killed in these fires.

The use of fireworks inside of the City Limits is prohibited. However, on July 4th if allowed by the City Fire Marshal, between the hours of 6:00pm and 11:00pm, residents may use fireworks, except in all City parks and the Urban/Wildland Interface areas. These areas are (also see maps attached):

- North of the railroad tracks, NW "F" St.
- West of Dimmick and Highland Ave.
- North of Interstate 5
- Northeast of Beacon Dr.
- Including all City Parks
- Cloverlawn south of Swarthout Dr. including Hamilton Ln, Crestview Loop Panoramic Loop & Havland Dr.



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So how do you avoid this disaster that's just waiting to happen? It's easy; just follow these few simple guidelines:

1. Only use fireworks that are legal in the State of Oregon.
2. Never use "homemade" or modified fireworks.
3. Have an adult assist children when lighting fireworks.
4. Light fireworks on flat, level ground clear of combustible vegetation.
5. Don't light fireworks in windy conditions.
6. Have a shovel, bucket of water, and a fire extinguisher on hand.
7. Never mix fireworks with alcohol.

If you have any questions regarding these safety guidelines, please feel free to contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 541-450-6200. From all of us at the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety, have a fire safe and happy Fourth of July.